

Rollins, Christopher

From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 8:10 AM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: McDaniel, Doug
Subject: R9's Timeline for the US CG Storis

Storis Timeline

- **10/21/13:** Jon Ottman of the Storis Working Group left a voice mail message for Doug McDaniel, Manager of EPA Region 9's Waste and Chemicals Section regarding the sale and possible illegal export of the US Coast Guard Cutter Storis (Hull Number WMEC-38). He requests that EPA call him to obtain additional information regarding the vessel.
- **10/22/13:** Christopher Rollins, of EPA Region 9's Waste and Chemicals Section contacted Mr. Ottoman. Mr. Ottman indicated that the Storis had been sold in the summer of 2013 to a Mr. Mark Jurisich of US Metals Recovery (San Diego, CA). Mr. Ottman alleges that Mr. Jurisich was cutting corners to properly dispose of the vessel and planned to export the vessel to Mexico for scrap. Mr. Rollins asked if there were any PCBs ≥ 50 ppm present on the vessel and Mr. Ottman indicated he didn't know. However, he did state that the WWII vessel was known to contain Lead-Based paint and Asbestos. Mr. Rollins then requested the contact names and numbers for the GSA and Coast Guard on the matter.
10/22/13: EPA called Tonya Dillard with the GSA in Georgia. Ms. Dillard indicated that the GSA placed the vessel up for bid as Excess Federal Property. She also indicated that the Storis did contain PCBs ≥ 50 ppm in Nov of 2000. However, the Coast Guard later removed those PCBs and designated the vessel as PCB free in 2007. Ms. Dillard then forwarded Mr. Rollins the Coast Guard contact information and copies of documents on the Storis that same day.
- **10/23/13:** Mr. Ottman checks in with Mr. Rollins to get an update on the vessel matter. EPA reports that from the information that he received from GSA there doesn't appear to be much to warrant preventing the vessel from being exported. EPA then left a voice mail message for Mr. Jeff Beach, Manager of the Retired CG Boats & Decommissioned Cutters in DC regarding the Storis.
- **10/24/13:** Mr. Beach calls Mr. Rollins and informs the Region that the Coast Guard removed the PCBs that were discovered between 2000 and 2007 and the vessel was now PCB free. Mr. Beach then forwards an internal Coast Guard memo to Mr. Rollins confirming Mr. Beach's statement. However, there was no additional analytical data to show a second sampling event on the Storis.
- **10/25/13:** Mr. Rollins was out of the Office on his CDO. However, Polly Parks an advocate for the US Ship Scrapping industry begins to contact
- **10/28/13:** EPA R9 contacts Mr. Beach again to verify if there was any additional analytical data between 2000 and 2007 that verified that all PCBs had been removed from the Storis. Mr. Beach indicated that there might be but not possess that information.

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Subject: Call with Sen. Mark Begich's Office Regarding Cutter Storis
Location: Conference Room #19

Start: Tue 10/29/2013 11:00 AM
End: Tue 10/29/2013 11:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Maier, Brent
Required Attendees: McDaniel, Doug; Rollins, Christopher; Jones, Joel E.; Snyder, Raquel; Schuster, Cindy; Deitz, Randy; Yogi, David

All -

Please note the change in time for the call today which is now scheduled for **11:00am PT (2:00pm ET)**. I have set up a conference line for us to use for this discussion with Bob King in Sen. Mark Begich's office regarding the Coast Guard Cutter Storis, and am providing both the call-in number and access code to join the call. **Once all the EPA folks are on the line, I will then conference in Bob King at his direct line he provided me.**

Region IX participants can meet in conference room #1908 for call.

Dial-In Number: (866) 299-3188

Conference Code: [REDACTED]

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Thanks Brent. Got your v/m but am stuck in staff meeting. Might I suggest 10 am PT tomorrow for the call. 11 PT would also work. Thanks getting back. My direct here in DC is 202-224-0319.

Thanks

Bob King

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Maier, Brent

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 3:31 PM

To: King, Bob (Begich)

Cc: McDaniel, Doug; Rollins, Christopher; Jones, Joel E.; Snyder, Raquel

Subject: Cutter Storis - Follow Up Regarding Potential Call with EPA Region IX

Bob –

Your message to Arvin Ganesan in EPA HQ was redirected to our San Francisco Regional Office. I left you a voicemail and if you have some time available on Tuesday, October 29th, we could set up a call to discuss what our office knows regarding the Coast Guard Cutter Storis. Colleagues in our Enforcement Division's Waste Section as well as my counterpart in HQ Congressional would be the participants in this discussion. Please let me know what time(s) you might have available on Tuesday, October 29th and I can follow up with you to confirm.

Regards,

Brent Maier

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From: King, Bob (Begich) [mailto:Bob_King@begich.senate.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:08 AM

To: Ganesan, Arvin

Cc: Rollins, Christopher

Subject: Cutter Storis

Arvin,

I understand the EPA is in contact with Pacific Tugboat company of San Diego regarding the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS. The company is towing the WWII vintage cutter to Ensenada, Mexico for scrapping.

We have been provided information that the cutter is not PCB-free as had been previously considered. A 2000 inspection found encapsulated PCBs above 50 ppm were detected in at least two samples of foam insulation. I am told that export of such a contamination is prohibited by Toxic Substances Control Act and the Basel Convention.

Senator Begich has a long standing interest in this vessel. We hope EPA considers this information seriously before determining its disposition.

Can you please inform me of the current status of the STORIS tow and any change in its status.

Thank you,

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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:20 AM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: RE: Call with Sen. Mark Begich's Office Regarding Cutter Storis

Bill,

Yes we can do a pre call. However, who should be included at HQ on that call?

c


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Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 8:58 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Subject: RE: Call with Sen. Mark Begich's Office Regarding Cutter Storis

Chris,

I'm forwarding the meeting invite to our PCB attorney, my DD, and our congressional liason. Besides the current status of the Storis, what else does Begich's office want to know? What is our response? Can we have a pre-call with everyone at 1:30pm EST?

Thanks,
Bill



-----Original Appointment-----

From: Rollins, Christopher **On Behalf Of** Maier, Brent
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 11:12 AM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: FW: Call with Sen. Mark Begich's Office Regarding Cutter Storis
When: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 2:00 PM-2:45 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Conference Room #19

William,

There is a call to the Senator Begich's scheduled for 11 am PST. I wanted to know if you want to be on that call?

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Maier, Brent

Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 1:00 PM

To: Maier, Brent; McDaniel, Doug; Rollins, Christopher; Jones, Joel E.; Snyder, Raquel; Schuster, Cindy; Deitz, Randy; Yogi, David

Subject: Call with Sen. Mark Begich's Office Regarding Cutter Storis

When: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 11:00 AM-11:45 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Devlin, Betsy; Deitz, Randy; Grant, Brian
Subject: Coast Guard Information on the Storis
Attachments: DOC.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

FYI!

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To: Olin, Joyce
Cc: Muller, Marie
Subject: RE: PCBs/Ships -- Potential Illegal Export of a US ship --

Joyce,

I've spoken with both the GSA and the Coast Guard last week about this matter. Apparently in 2000, PCB sampling was conducted by the Coast Guard on the Storis. At that time, the vessel was owned by the Coast Guard and they wanted to transfer their vessel. PCBs ≥ 50 ppm were detected and sometime between 2000 and 2007 the Coast Guard representative Jeff Beach states that he petition for the Coast Guard to remediate the PCBs from the vessel. Based on Jeff Beach, that was done. However, he didn't obtain that second round of analytical data for his own records. Only then 2007 memo stating that now the vessel was PCB Free was the only document that they had in their possession.

The Coast Guard then contacted GSA. GSA treats the vessel as Excess Federal Property, so there are no current procedures in place for addressing these smaller vessels that are owned and managed by other Federal Agencies (Navy and Coast Guard). Based on previous dealings with the GSA and auctioning of vessels that may contain PCBs, I recommended that GSA obtain some type of certification or data showing that these vessels are no longer TSCA regulated before they approve the sale.

The Coast Guard provided the letter to GSA but not any analytical data. Since GSA didn't want to second guess the validity of the PCB remediation project they accepted the letter and approved the sale.

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From: Olin, Joyce
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 5:43 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Cc: Muller, Marie
Subject: FW: PCBs/Ships -- Potential Illegal Export of a US ship --

Christopher—

This should have gone to you as well. Any word on what is happening?

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From: Devlin, Betsy
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 8:04 AM
To: ORCR IO; Straus, Matt; Kelley, Rosemarie; Schefski, Kenneth; Olin, Joyce; Kling, David; Grant, Brian
Cc: Elliott, Ross; Noggle, William; Picardi, Rick; Coughlan, Laura
Subject: PCBs/Ships -- Potential Illegal Export of a US ship --

Dear everyone –

This is a heads up on a potential issue which is developing rather quickly. The short summary is that we may (and I stress may) have a situation of an illegal export of a ship containing regulated levels of PCBs. The ship is apparently headed to Mexico for scrapping. If the ship does have PCBs greater than 50 ppm then we may have a violation of TSCA. We are still attempting to piece together the facts of the situation, working with Region 9. We are likely to have press inquiries and a press release from BAN.

Joyce and Dave – have sent this to you because this may be a situation where GSA or the Coast Guard may bear some responsibility.

What we know is as follows:

In June 2013, GSA auctioned the Storis (Retired 1942 US Coast Guard ship). As of today the ship is apparently headed to Mexico for scrapping. A US Coast Guard hazmat report from November 2000 shows PCBs greater than 50ppm (which is illegal to export for disposal) in two samples of pipe insulation. It's unclear whether the PCB samples were remediated or if further sampling was conducted.

The losing bidder in the GSA auction was Jon Ottman, who was attempting to purchase the Storis and convert it into a museum ship. Mr. Ottman has also reached out to Senator Mark Begich (Alaska) for help. According to this article <http://www.alaskapublic.org/2013/10/28/storis-supporters-see-ray-of-hope-in-saving-cutter/> Senator Begich is trying to contact us (EPA) to find out what went wrong. Also BAN is planning on issuing a press release on this issue.

We are still piecing together the full story with Region 9, who was made aware of the situation early last week. The communication staff from Region 9 has already received press inquiries and we have asked them to coordinate with us and the ORCR press office before responding. We are also reaching out to USCG to find out what they meant by the following comments in their November 2000 hazmat report: "Please be advised that the CGC Storis is free of PCBs. All material that is above 50ppm and not defined as totally enclosed are considered PCB containing for regulatory purposes." Encapsulated PCBs are still illegal to export for disposal above 50 ppm. We also need USCG to tell us if any further sampling and remediating was done.

Finally, we are reaching out to MARAD to determine why this vessel did not go through the reflagging process.

So, we will keep everyone informed as things progress.

Please feel free to contact me or Bill Noggle in MRWMD if you have any questions.

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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: Maier, Brent; McDaniel, Doug; Yogi, David; Jones, Joel E.
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs

Bill,

I would invite Douglas McDaniel, Brent Maier and David Yogi and cc Joel Jones for the Discussion on next Steps. Just to let you know I spoke with Jeff Beach of the Coast Guard today and he stated that we should expect a reply to be sent to both of us either tomorrow or Thursday answering our questions submitted thus far.

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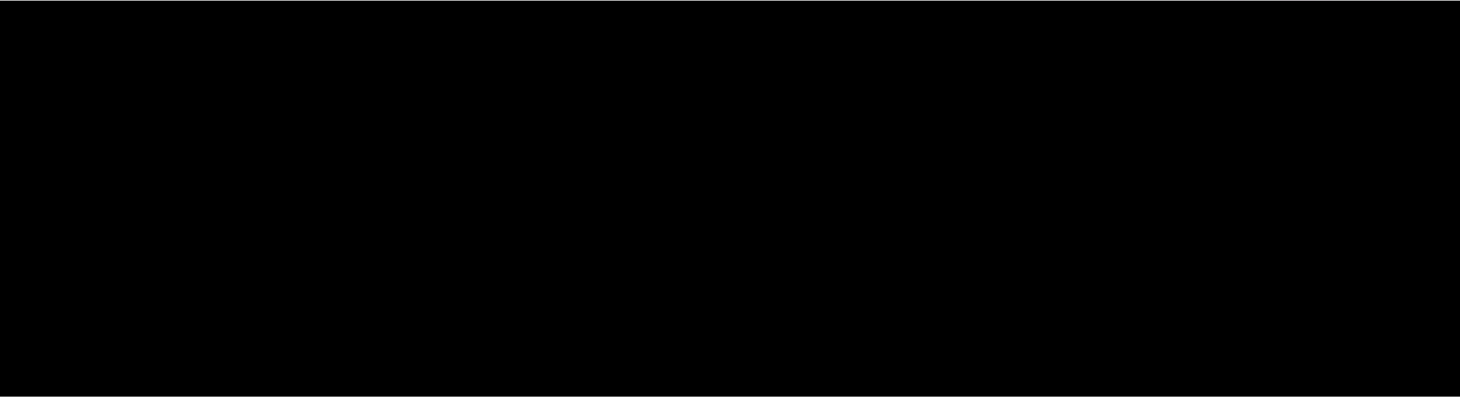
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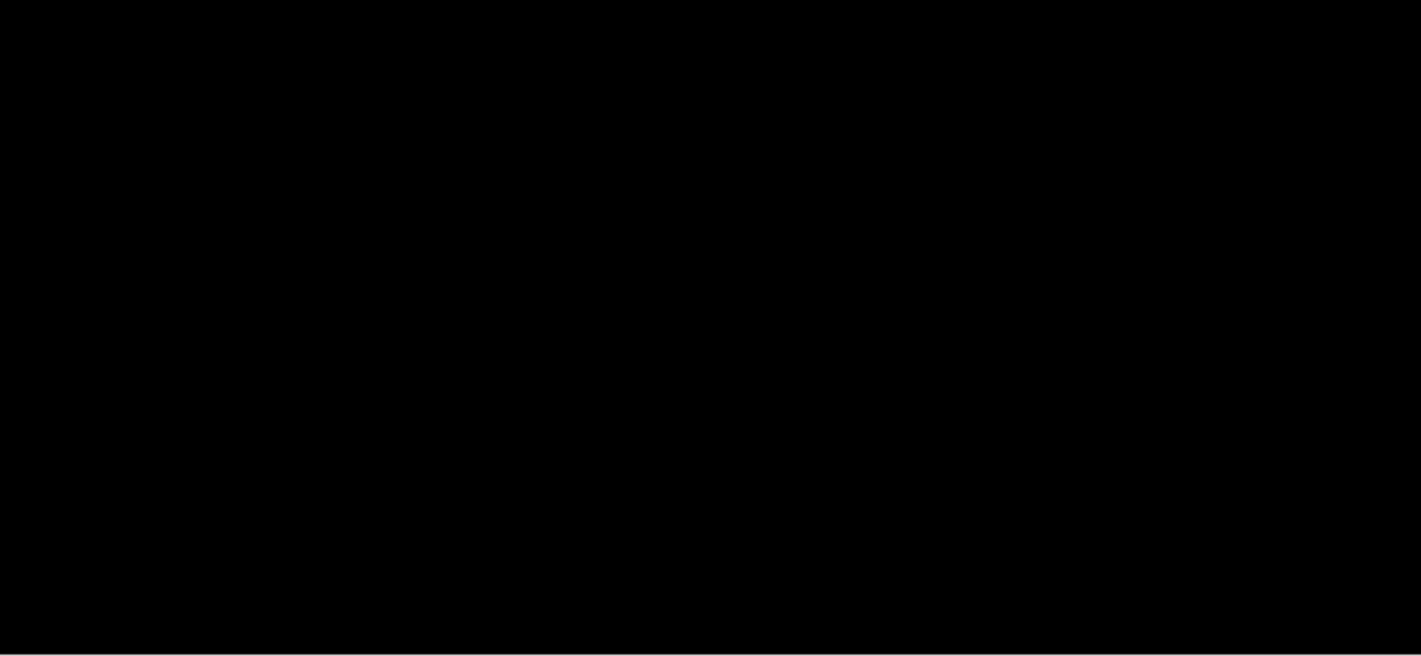
From: Noggle, William
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Subject: FW: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs

Chris,
Who from R9 should be on a call to discuss next steps with the Storis?

Thanks,
Bill

From: Devlin, Betsy
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 12:53 PM
To: Grant, Brian; Noggle, William; Ames, Jeremy; Yogi, David; Rollins, Christopher
Cc: Simons, Andrew
Subject: RE: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs





From: Grant, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Devlin, Betsy; Noggle, William; Ames, Jeremy; Yogi, David; Rollins, Christopher
Cc: Simons, Andrew
Subject: FW: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs



Brian Grant
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From: Mclean, Kevin
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 8:21 AM
To: Grant, Brian; Simons, Andrew
Subject: FW: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs

From: Garbow, Avi
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Lynch, Mary-Kay; Mclean, Kevin
Subject: Fw: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs

Let's discuss on monday. Thx.

From: Denise Krepp <kdrkrepp@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 9:02:41 PM
To: Garbow, Avi
Subject: Coast Guard Cutter Storis and PCBs

Avi,

I hope you are doing well. Since we last spoke, I started working for a ship scrapping company in Louisiana.

My client is very confused about the recent departure of the Coast Guard Cutter Storis to Mexico. The Storis is a vessel that was built in 1942 and based off of its age, there is a strong possibility that it contains PCBs. We received a letter today from a former Coast Guard validating this assumption.

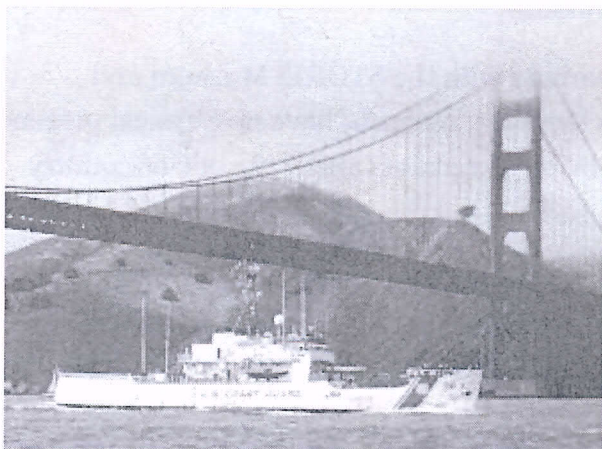
Has the policy changed with regards to exporting PCBs?

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Will historic Coast Guard ship escape scrap heap?

By Jessica A. York/Times-Herald staff writer

POSTED: 11/01/2013 01:02:53 AM PDT



The Coast Guard Cutter Storis passes through the Golden Gate Bridge after traveling six days from Kodiak, AK. Storis was the oldest commissioned cutter in the Coast Guard until it was decommissioned in 2007. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by PA2 Brian N. Leshak)

A storied former U.S. Coast Guard vessel sent from Suisun Bay's "mothball fleet" to Mexico for scrapping last week has raised concerns over the 71-year-old ship's final stop.

Environmental concerns related to ships in the federal government's Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet have been an ongoing issue for years, often boiling down to a battle between federal officials and environmental agencies.

The latest scuffle includes an emerging third party -- historical preservationists vying to rescue some of those ships from metal scrapping.

Last week, one such battle came to a head. Officials working for years to convince federal officials to hand over the retired U.S. Coast Guard ice cutter Storis to a nonprofit to serve as a museum ship were shocked first when the vessel was auctioned off by the federal General Services Administration this summer, then towed to Mexico last week. A spokeswoman for the General Services Administration did not return a call seeking comment on the issue Thursday.

At the urging of interested parties, the Environmental Protection Agency has launched an investigation into whether the Storis may contain toxin levels illegally high for foreign export, officials confirmed Wednesday.

The Storis -- used for decades for law enforcement, search and rescue and fisheries work in Alaska -- was sold to San Diego-based U.S. Metals Recovery LLC on June 28 for \$70,100. There was an initial requirement that the vessel be removed from the Suisun Bay Reserve "Mothball" Fleet by July 12.

"On Oct. 21, EPA received information that the STORIS was potentially being exported by U.S. Metals Recovery to Mexico for scrapping and that the ship could contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in concentrations greater than or equal to 50 parts per million," a spokesperson for the Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 wrote in an emailed statement. "EPA immediately began investigating to determine if the vessel contained PCBs, and if so, at what level. This investigation remains ongoing."

The ship has called the federally managed Suisun Bay fleet "home" since its 2007 retirement from the Coast Guard. A spokeswoman for fleet manager U.S. Maritime Administration referred questions about the ship's departure for Texas to the Coast Guard. Coast Guard officials locally and in Washington, D.C. were still looking into a reporter's questions on the issue Thursday.

Jon Ottman, a Michigan marine historian and consultant working with the STORIS Museum and Education Center officials, raised concerns that U.S. Metals Recovery seems to have no physical presence - website, office phone or physical location -- over which to bring complaints about the out-of-country delivery.

He added that a man associated with the U.S. Metals Recovery and the sale, Mark Jurisich, allegedly asked nonprofit STORIS Museum officials for \$250,000 to sell the vessel instead of scrapping it. Efforts to reach Jurisich were unsuccessful.

Prior to the auction in June, volunteers looking to preserve the Storis initially planned to bring the vessel to Juneau, Alaska, where it had spent so much of its career, and to become a museum ship and train young Sea Cadets. Later, an effort from Toledo, Ohio -- where the vessel was built -- took the lead. Also in the running for the ship were the California Ships to Reefs group, looking to have the vessel sunk and used as an artificial reef when word that the bidding process did not result in a buyer reaching the a minimum-set bid price.

The Storis "made history in 1957 when it led two other Coast Guard cutters through icy waters near the North Pole and into the Atlantic Ocean," and "became the first American vessel to circumnavigate the

North American continent," according to Bay Area News Group articles written about the ship upon its retirement.

In 2012, the Storis was listed on the National Register of Historic Places with the help of a nomination penned by Ottman. The nomination notes that the Storis is one of the last remaining vessels that participated in the World War II Greenland Patrols.

For more information on the Storis, visit www.storismuseum.org.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 2:14 PM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: Accepted: USCG Cutter Storis and PCBs: next steps

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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:29 AM
To: Noggle, William; Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick
Cc: McDaniel, Doug; Jones, Joel E.
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Bill,

I spoke with Jeff Beach on the matter yesterday and he indicated that he has not heard anything new since last week on the vessel. He also indicated that he has referred the matter to the Environmental side of the USCG and they would be responding to my inquiry as well as yours, possibly today or tomorrow. I did not ask any follow up questions because I was not sure what questions you had submitted to the USCG. I only requested additional analytical data or remediation documents pertaining to the Storis after the 2000 sampling event.

Do you have a list of questions that you posed, because I wasn't sure if you had asked about the alleged radioactive material on the vessel or where the vessel is currently?

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From: Noggle, William
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 4:53 AM
To: Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick; Rollins, Christopher
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Betsy, Rick,
Below is the USCG response to the letter stating there are liquid-filled electrical cables on the vessel.

Chris,
Have you heard anything else from USCG?

Thanks,
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL [mailto:Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward; Melchers, John A CIV; McMenamin, Robert; Murad, Dale; Raybon, Todd E LCDR
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Mr. Noggle,

The Coast Guard has only found PCB-containing electrical cable on a few vessels built in the 1960s and 1970s and does not expect PCB-containing electrical cable on this vessel, since it was built in the 1940s. Also, on 12 March 1997, Coast Guard Health and Safety personnel conducted PCB sampling on the STORIS' main propulsion electrical cable (most likely location for PCBs due high current) and sample results were negative.

Regards, Ron

Ronald L. Johnsen, P.G.

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From: Melchers, John A CIV
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 3:15 PM
To: Johnsen, Ronald
Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Mr. Johnsen,

I believe Mr. Wandelt is out of the office through next week, so I'm forwarding this question to you.

EPA is asking about the attached statement from former USCG electrician's mate? The technical aspects as to whether STORIS contains PCB's is really out of my swimlane; recommend your office respond to EPA.

V/r,

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Jeff, John,

Are you aware of this statement provided by a former USCG electrician's mate? Please give me a call.

Thanks,
Bill

[REDACTED] (mobile)

From: colby.self@gmail.com [<mailto:colby.self@gmail.com>] On Behalf Of Colby Self

Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 12:44 PM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: Re: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Hello Bill,

There is one facility in Ensenada that I know of, I'll get that info over to you shortly. The vessel may already be there, but I've not yet gotten confirmation of that. The tug company that was contracted to deliver the vessel was Pacific Tugboat Service 619.533.7932, the VP is Stephen Frailey and he is very aware of the situation surrounding this vessel.

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Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 2:55 PM
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Rollins, Christopher

From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:38 AM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Bill,

Do you have Ronald Johnson's email address and phone number?

c

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Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Rollins, Christopher
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Radioactive material? I only asked Jeff about the liquid-filled cables. I believe Jeff told me that the only analytical data they had was the Nov 2000 report. Yes, please ask the new USCG point of contact (Ronald Johnson) about the radioactive material and any other analytical data he may have. Sorry about crossing paths.

BAN told me the vessel was at the scrapper in Ensenada (just forwarded the email to you)

-----Original Message-----

From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Noggle, William; Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick
Cc: McDaniel, Doug; Jones, Joel E.
Subject: RE: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Bill,

I spoke with Jeff Beach on the matter yesterday and he indicated that he has not heard anything new since last week on the vessel. He also indicated that he has referred the matter to the Environmental side of the USCG and they would be responding to my inquiry as well as yours, possibly today or tomorrow. I did not ask any follow up questions because I was not sure what questions you had submitted to the USCG. I only requested additional analytical data or remediation documents pertaining to the Storis after the 2000 sampling event.

Do you have a list of questions that you posed, because I wasn't sure if you had asked about the alleged radioactive material on the vessel or where is the vessel is currently?

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To: Devlin, Betsy; Picardi, Rick; Rollins, Christopher
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Betsy, Rick,
Below is the USCG response to the letter stating there are liquid-filled electrical cables on the vessel.

Chris,
Have you heard anything else from USCG?

Thanks,
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL [mailto:Ronald.L.Johnsen@USCG.MIL]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Noggle, William
Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward; Melchers, John A CIV; McMenamin, Robert; Murad, Dale; Raybon, Todd E LCDR
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From: Melchers, John A CIV
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 3:15 PM
To: Johnsen, Ronald
Cc: Beach, Jeff L CIV; Wandelt, Edward
Subject: FW: Ship Export to Mexico//URGENT

Mr. Johnsen,

I believe Mr. Wandelt is out of the office through next week, so I'm forwarding this question to you.

EPA is asking about the attached statement from former USCG electrician's mate? The technical aspects as to whether STORIS contains PCB's is really out of my swimlane; recommend your office respond to EPA.

V/r,

John A. Melchers, CPA, CPPS
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[REDACTED] (mobile)

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From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: RE: PCB removal from ex-USCGC STORIS

Bill,

The new analytical data they provided is dated 1997. As such, they are just stating that they sampled in 1997 and 2000 and found PCBs greater than 50 ppm present. After removing the known PCBs from the vessel in 2007 they declared it PCB free. Doesn't seem like they conducted any confirmation sampling because they only removed what was found to contain PCBs greater than 50 ppm.

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From: Noggle, William
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From: Jeff.L.Beach@uscg.mil [<mailto:Jeff.L.Beach@uscg.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 2:49 PM
To: Rollins, Christopher
Cc: Noggle, William; 'Tonya Dillard - 4QSCA'; 'heather.bischoff@gsa.gov'
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Rollins, Christopher

From: Rollins, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Noggle, William
Subject: FW: USCG Cutter STORIS PCB removal - EPA Region 9

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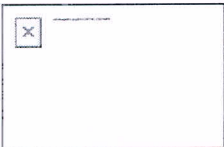
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From: King, Bob (Begich) <Bob_King@begich.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 6:04:24 AM
To: Jones, Joel E.
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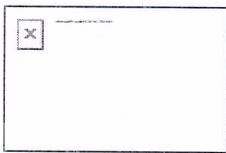
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